

MENTOR CORP /MN/  
Form 8-K  
November 21, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549-1004

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): November 18, 2005**

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**MENTOR CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Minnesota**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-7955**  
(Commission File Number)

**41-0950791**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**201 Mentor Drive**  
**Santa Barbara, California 93111**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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(805) 879-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On November 20, 2005, Mentor Corporation ( Mentor ) issued a press release announcing its proposal to acquire Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation ( Medicis ). The proposal was communicated on November 18, 2005 in a letter from Joshua H. Levine, Mentor 's President and Chief Executive Officer, to Jonah Shacknai, Medicis ' Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The press release announcing the proposal, including the full text of the proposal letter delivered to Mr. Shacknai, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by this reference.

For purposes of clarification, please note that Mentor Corporation has scheduled a conference call on Monday, November 21 regarding this announcement. Those interested in listening to a recording of the call may dial (800) 283-4593 at 10 a.m. EST November 21 until Midnight EST, November 28, 2005. You may also listen to the live webcast at 9 a.m. EST November 21 or the audio archived call at [www.mentorcorp.com](http://www.mentorcorp.com), Investor Relations site under Audio Archives .

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated November 20, 2005 of Mentor Corporation |

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 20, 2005

MENTOR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Loren L. McFarland

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Loren L. McFarland  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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